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No. 75-1778

STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF CALIFORNIA; AMERADA HESS
CORPORATION; GULF OIL CORPORATION; MARATHON
OIL COMPANY; PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY;
and STANDARD OIL COMPANY (OHIO),
Petitioners,

VS.

STATE OF FLORIDA EX REL. SHEVIN,
Respondent.

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Respondent correctly recognizes that review is sought in this case because it involves "an important question of federal law which has not been, but should be, settled by this court" (Rule 19(1)(b))—namely, the standards for proper utilization of the emerging certification procedure. Nothing in the Brief in Opposition detracts from the importance of that question, or the appropriateness of this case for its review.

Contrary to respondent's suggestion, the standards governing certification are not "well-defined" (Br.in Opp., p. 11). The Attorney General points to nothing in this

form their decisions. Decisions such as that below make clear that greater direction by this Court is essentially required to insure the full realization of the benefits of the "remarkably helpful certification procedure" (*Martinez v. Rodriguez* (5 Cir. 1969) 410 F.2d 729, 730).

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